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SUBJ: MAPAI KIBBUTZ ORGANIZATION PLANS NEW SETTLEMENTS IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: THE KIBBUTZ FEDERATION AFFILIATED WITH THE MAINSTREAM MAPAI FACTION OF THE LABOR PARTY (IHUD HAKVUTZOT VEKIBBUTZIM) ANNOUNCED THIS WEEK ITS INTENTION TO ESTABLISH TEN NEW SETTLEMENTS DURING THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, INCLUDING AN UNSPECIFIED NUMBER IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. IN KEEPING WITH OFFICIALLY-ESTABLISHED PRIORITIES, THE SETTLEMENTS ARE PLANNED FOR THE NEGEV, GAILILEE, GOLAN HEIGHTS, JORDAN VALLEY, AND RAFAH JUNCTION AREA.

2. THE MEETING ALSO ADOPTED A RESOLUTION FAVORING SETTLEMENT THROUGHOUT THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, INCLUDING THE WEST BANK. THE RESOLUTION READ IN PART:QUOTE: THE PUBLIC IS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT GUSH EMUNIM IS THE DOMINANT FORCE FOR SETTLING THE WEST BANK. OUR MOVEMENT ESTABLISHED KOCHAV HASHAHAR, NEAR JERICO, WHICH WAS A BASE ON THE ROUTE OF THE GUSH EMUNIM MARCH DURING THE PESSAH FESTIVAL. END QUOTE.

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3. COMMENT: BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE:

THIS SERVES AS A REMINDER OF THE POLITICAL ROLE BEING PLAYED
WITHIN THE VARIOUS PARTIES AND FACTIONS BY THEIR RESPECTIVE
SETTLEMENT ORGANIZATIONS (SEE TEL AVIV A-220 OF DEC 9,1975). IN
THE UPCOMING DEBATE ON SETTLEMENT POLICY--NOW SET FOR MAY 9--THE
VIEWS OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS WILL NOT DICTATE THE VOTES OF THE
VARIOUS MINISTERS, BUT NEITHER CAN THEY BE IGNORED. THE RESULTS
OF THE IHUD CONVENTION ALSO HIGHLIGHT AN IMPORTANT ACHIEVEMENT
OF GUSH EMUNIM: WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SOME ELEMENTS ON THE FAR
LEFT, PUBLIC ADVOCACY OF JEWISH SETTLEMENT IN THE OCCUPIED
TERRITORIES AHS BECOME VIRTUALLY A POLITICAL IMPERATIVE--THE
ONLY QUESTION BEING DEBATED IS NOT "WHETHER" BUT "WHERE".
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